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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 2/26/2002
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

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DETAILED ACTION

Information Disclosure Statement

The information disclosure statement filed 2/26/2002 fails to comply with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3) because (FR 2,728,982) does not include a concise explanation of the relevance, as it is presently understood by the individual designated in 37 CFR 1.56(c) most knowledgeable about the content of the information. It has been placed in the application file, but the information referred to therein has not been considered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 2, 6, 16 and their respective dependent claims are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Regarding claim 2, the antecedent basis for "said desired characteristics" has not been clearly set forth. In addition, in claims 6 and 16, the antecedent basis for "the relief of said part" has not been clearly set forth.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-3, 5-12, 15-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Syrowicz et al. (US Patent Application Publication 2003/0060810 A1; hereinafter Syrowicz).

Regarding claim 1, Syrowicz discloses a system and method for providing cosmetic treatment to a human body comprising the steps of: taking an image of a human body part to be treated, analyzing local characteristics of the part from the image, and utilizing a processor 12 to control a robotic arm 28 for applying a cosmetic treatment product over the part according to the local characteristics, wherein the robotic arm is controlled by at least one signal generated on the basis of the analysis of the local characteristics. *See ¶'s 7, 18, 29.*

Regarding claim 2, Syrowicz discloses a step of recognizing the desired visual characteristics and of applying makeup products according to desired characteristics. *See ¶'s 7, 18, 29.*

Regarding claim 3, Syrowicz discloses steps of defining particular areas of the body part and of applying products successively over the particular areas. *See ¶18.*

Regarding claim 5, Syrowicz discloses that the local characteristics are monitored immediately after the application of the cosmetic product. *See Fig. 3, S22-28.*

Regarding claim 6, Syrowicz discloses application of cosmetic product carried out by a head 20.

Regarding claim 7, Syrowicz discloses that a distance between the head and the body part is monitored in real time. *See ¶ 26.*

Regarding claim 8, Syrowicz discloses monitoring of local characteristics immediately after the application of the cosmetic product is carried out using the head. *See Fig. 3, S22-28.*

Regarding claim 9, Syrowicz discloses that the body part is reconstructed three-dimensionally in order to obtain a three-dimensional representation. *See ¶ 16.*

Regarding claim 10, Syrowicz discloses treatment product that are applied by a wipe impregnated with the product to be applied. *See ¶ 29.*

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Regarding claim 11, Syrowicz discloses at least one digital image of the human body part. *See* ¶18.

Regarding claim 12, Syrowicz discloses that the digital image is digitized. *See* ¶ 18.

Regarding claim 15, Syrowicz discloses a means of positioning the body part, a means of taking images, a means of analyzing images in order to obtain the local characteristics of said part, and a means of applying makeup products over the part according to the local characteristics. *See* ¶'s 7, 18, 29.

Regarding claim 16, Syrowicz discloses that the application means is supported by a robotic arm 28 which is articulated in order to be capable of following the body part.

Regarding claim 17, Syrowicz discloses that the application means comprises at least one nozzle capable of spraying a treatment product, said head being of the piezoelectric. *See* ¶ 29.

Regarding claim 18, Syrowicz discloses means 26 for controlling the position of the application means 28 with respect to the part of the area to be treated

Regarding claim 19, Syrowicz discloses means for automatically controlling the total amount and the partial amounts of each product according to the visual characteristics desired. *See* ¶ 29.

Regarding claim 20, Syrowicz discloses a computer program comprising program code means to implement the steps of the cosmetic treatment, when the program runs on a computer 12. *See Figs. 2-3.*

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

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The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are summarized as follows:

1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.
2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.
3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.
4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or nonobviousness.

Claims 4, and 13-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Syrowicz et al. (US Patent Application Publication 2003/0060810 A1; hereinafter Syrowicz) in view of Lehmann et al. (USPN 6,575,751; hereinafter Lehmann).

Regarding claim 4, Syrowicz discloses all of the claimed subject matter with the exception of explicitly disclosing a step of storing the products used and the visual characteristics obtained. However, Lehmann teaches a cosmetic treatment system wherein product treatment information and patient information is stored so that a physician may access and analyze patient history data in order to prescribe proper treatment (Col. 25, lines 3-25; Col. 4, line 66 – Col. 5, line 13. Thus, in view of Lehmann, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify the storage device described in Syrowicz, by storing product and visual patient history information, in order allow a physician to access and analyze patient history data in order to prescribe proper treatment.

Regarding claims 13 and 14, Syrowicz discloses all of the claimed subject matter with the exception of explicitly disclosing that (as per claim 13) the image taking and application steps are carried out in a first zone, and the analysis step is carried out in a second zone distinct from the first zone; (as per claim 14); wherein the application step is carried out in a third zone distinct from the first and second zones; wherein the zones communicate via Internet. However, Lehmann teaches a cosmetic treatment system wherein the steps of capturing an image, analysis, and application step are carried out in remote

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locations via Internet (Col. 4, line 1 – Col. 6, line 40). Hence, in view of Lehmann, it would have been obvious to an artisan to modify the cosmetic treatment described in Syrowicz, by providing the steps of capturing an image, analyzing the image, and providing treatment at various remote locations, in order to allow a physician to access information regarding patient history data and treatment data and further collaborate with others regarding patient and treatment data, regardless of patient's physical location.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure:

- Patton et al. (USPN 6,295,737) – disclose a computerized method of applying cosmetic markings on a simulated body part.
- Laughlin (USPN 6,199,557) – discloses a system for coating human skin with a cosmetic.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cameron Saadat whose telephone number is (571) 272-4443. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9:00 - 6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Xuan Thai can be reached on (571) 272-7147. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is ~~703-872-9306~~ **571-273-8300**.

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